

Remarks

In the present response, no claims are amended. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

I. Claim Rejections: 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-5, 7-13, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0090742 to Son et al. (hereinafter Son). This rejection is traversed.

Son claims a foreign a foreign application priority data of November 11, 2002. Applicants submit herewith a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 and establish a reduction to practice prior to that date of Son. In light of the Declaration, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

II. Claim Rejections: 35 USC § 103

Claims 14-17 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Son. Claims 6 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Son in view of US Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0047115 to Helot et al. This rejection is traversed.

Son claims a foreign a foreign application priority data of November 11, 2002. Applicants submit herewith a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 and establish a reduction to practice prior to that date of Son. In light of the Declaration, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

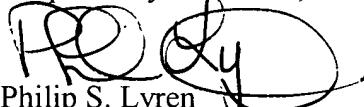
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants believe claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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